

MRS. MELBER AT AUBURN

Clever Ruse Disappoints Thousands at Railroad Station.

PROTESTS HER INNOCENCE

Brother Makes Scene at Syracuse and Is Finally Allowed to Kiss Murderess.

Auburn, N. Y., March 18.—Mrs. Edith Melber arrived at Auburn prison to-night, where she will probably spend the remainder of her life for murdering her four-year-old son George on the outskirts of Albany.

A curious crowd of thousands gathered about the New York Central station here, but by a clever ruse of Warden Benham the prisoners were smuggled into the prison unnoticed except by a handful of news-mongers and a few morbid women. The crowd had been deceived to the station by the presence of the warden's team and conveyance, and clustered silently around the empty vehicle while Mrs. Melber was taken to the prison in a hack.

She was accompanied from Albany by Mr. and Mrs. William Gard, both of whom are connected with the prisoner. At Syracuse a tremendous crowd awaited the trio and Mr. Gard quietly slipped his prisoner through the station and out on to Fayette street, where a brother of Mrs. Melber was waiting. Here a brother of Mrs. Melber greeted the little veiled woman, and she was permitted to hold a few minutes' tearful conversation. The trolley started for Auburn, and at Skaneateles another large throng assembled and blocked the way for several minutes.

Mrs. Melber sat next to Mrs. Gard and hid her face beneath a veil. In Auburn, meanwhile, Warden Benham's driver, John Pollock, manoeuvred around the New York Central station, where the curious had gathered for the 9 o'clock train. All recognized the warden's high stepping cobs and crowded around to secure positions in expectation of the woman's arrival. As the train pulled in and the throng surged around the warden's empty carriage a closed hack drove by unnoticed and a few minutes later stopped at the gate of the women's prison.

Mrs. Melber's male attendant stepped out, followed by his wife. Then came the veiled murderer. She lifted her veil for a moment and moaned, "Oh, dear, oh, dear," while a turkey came down to open the gate. Then she tremblingly followed Mrs. Gard to the station's office.

Mr. Gard said that on the way from Albany the woman sat silent most of the time, refusing to answer questions.

Now and then she mumbled, "I am innocent, I am innocent." She will not be formally entered in the prison books until Monday.

Syracuse, March 18.—"If you don't let me kiss my sister goodbye I'm going to kill some one," cried Stephen Gibbons as the guards were placing his sister, Mrs. Edith Melber, the convicted murderess, on the trolley car which was to take her to Auburn.

The man fought his way to the prisoner, where he lifted her veil and pressed his lips to hers.

"I'm going to my death, and I want you to avenge me," cried the young woman, weeping hysterically.

Albany, March 18.—Clad in black from head to foot, her face hidden by a heavy veil, Mrs. Edith Melber, convicted of murdering her own child, was taken to Auburn prison this afternoon to begin a minimum sentence of twenty years' imprisonment, which may not end until her death.

A prison guard and a matron, with Mrs. Melber in charge, left Albany on the 4:15 train. The prisoner's face, pale and almost expressionless, was revealed for a moment in the station as she lifted her veil. In her hand she carried a prayerbook which the chaplain of the Albany penitentiary gave her to-day.

Hundreds gathered at the station to get a glimpse of the woman, and a platoon of police was necessary to force a passageway to the train for the prisoner and her guards. As they boarded the train there was a yell of derision from the crowd, but no further demonstration was made.

"HONEST BOB" NOONEY DEAD

Made Name for Himself in Fight Against the Tweed Ring.

Robert B. Nooney, well known for the part he played in the fight against Tweed, died at his home, No. 25 West 124th street, yesterday afternoon from pneumonia. He was eighty-one years old.

Mr. Nooney was born in New York City and educated in the local parochial and public schools. He was for forty years the proprietor of a butcher shop at Fourth avenue and 21st street. The most notable event of his career was the unveiling by him of the Statue of Liberty in 1886. He was at that time President of the Board of Aldermen, and officiated in the place of Mayor Grace, whom illness prevented from being present. Later he was made Commissioner of Juries by Mayor Gilroy.

Mr. Nooney was a staunch opponent of the Tweed ring, and it was due to his prominence in that fight to relieve New York of the domination of Tweed that he came to be elected President of the Board of Aldermen. This fight also won him the appellation of "Honest Bob." He was the leader of the Irving Hall Democracy, the members of which broke away from Tammany Hall on account of Tweed's leadership. He was one of the old volunteer firemen and served as president of the Exempt Firemen's Association from 1883 until his death. He also served several years as president of the Licensed Butchers' Association.

ACCUSED "COP" GOES FREE.

For Third Time Girl Complainant Fails to Appear in Court.

Patrolman Edward Brown, of the East 25th street police station, who was arrested on Monday night on complaint of Miss Annie Faye, a young woman living at No. 752 Tenth avenue, who charged the officer with having assaulted her in the sitting room of a hotel at 25th street and Second avenue, was discharged yesterday morning by Magistrate Herbert in the Yorkville court.

For the third time the case came to a hearing and Miss Faye and a witness, Miss Catherine Doran, of No. 225 West 26th street, failed to put in an appearance in court. The mother of the girl has intimated that her daughter had been paid to remain away from court.

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HYDE WOULD TESTIFY

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manipulator and expert in technique." Robin says he himself has always been "the outside man," making a specialty of "canvassing, seeing people and arguing with officials."

Robin's "better days" were brought to mind by the display yesterday of an elaborately engraved menu of a dinner given for him early in 1908 by his admirers in the banking world in recognition of his services in pulling the Hamilton Bank through the panic of 1907. Among the subscribers to this dinner, which was held at Delmonico's, were Leroy W. Baldwin, president of the Empire Trust Company; Henry H. Blauvelt, president of the Gotham National Bank; James M. Gifford, ex-Senator Clarence Lexow and William P. Young.

HOW HEINZE SAVED ROBIN

A Veiled Episode of the Panic Days of October, 1907.

In the panic of 1907, on October 15 of that year, Joseph G. Robin called on F. Augustus Heinze to help out the Riverside Bank and prevent its being closed by the State Banking Department. The bank examiners had entered the bank on that day and, after going over the books, had announced that the bank would be closed unless more security was put up on notes for \$555,000 carried by Otto Heinze, brother of F. A. Heinze. Robin appealed to the State Banking Department over the heads of the examiners, and was told that the decision was final. Then he appealed to Heinze to help the Riverside, threatening to call Otto Heinze's loans unless F. A. Heinze saved the bank.

There was an all night session at the apartments of Robin, at which were present F. A. Heinze, Robin, C. C. Dickinson, of the Carnegie Trust Company, a well known corporation lawyer and a banker representing downtown banking interests that wanted to see the Riverside saved and a further spread of the panic prevented.

Robin begged and pleaded and threatened, but could not convince Heinze that he should jeopardize the Mercantile National, of which he was then president, to save Robin's institution. All other means failing, Robin, according to Heinze, declared that his troubles were driving him mad and seemed to be restrained only by the most desperate efforts from throwing himself out of the window. There was a struggle around the room with the apparently desperate and insane man that taxed the strength and staying powers of all the contestants, and at the end of it Robin fell to the floor, frothing at the mouth and tearing his hair out by the roots.

Heinze was convinced that the only hope of saving Robin's reason and life was to rescue his bank with cash and securities, and the negotiations then assumed the phase of what Heinze should supply. It was at last agreed that he should send to the Riverside Bank the next morning \$50,000 in cash and \$500,000 in securities, and he did, after receiving the assurances of the banking department that if he did so the bank would not be closed.

No receipt was given at the time the stock reached the Riverside Bank and it was not until October 23 that daily attempts to get a receipt were successful. The provision was also made that the loans of Otto Heinze should not be called without notice to F. A. Heinze.

In the suit which F. A. Heinze has brought to recover \$350,000 from the Northern Bank of New York, which succeeded the Riverside Bank, it is alleged that it was afterward learned that on October 15, 1907, three days after the securities were delivered to the Riverside Bank, Robin bought them in for \$500,000 at a pretended sale, made without notice. Part of the securities were afterward sold to the Aetna Indemnity Company, of which Robin had then obtained control, which figured so largely in his many troubles, the disclosures regarding it leading to the closing of the Northern Bank in December. Heinze is represented in his suit by Stephen Brooks Rosenthal, of Rosenthal & Heermance. The suit has been set for trial on March 24.

WILL SUE CARNEGIE TRUST CO.

Action will be brought by the Seaboard Portland Cement Company and the Atlantic Cement and Clinker Company to have the Carnegie Trust Company superseded by some other banking institution as trustee of the two companies under the trust indenture of June 1, 1907. This became known through an order issued yesterday by Judge Ward, of the United States Circuit Court, in which he modified an injunction granted in March, 1910, to George A. Beaton in his litigation against the two cement companies. The modification permits the officers of these companies to bring action against the Carnegie Trust Company, but in all other respects the injunction is continued unchanged.

CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN

Bridgeport Is Abandoned Once More for Madison Square.

Throw away your grouch, don't smile, fill your pockets with nickels and your heart with thrills and become a kid again for the circus has come to town. It came last night, four whole trainloads of it, fresh and clean and new from its winter quarters in Bridgeport to the slow old New York once more to a realization of the greatest show on earth.

The first train pulled into Mott Haven along about 5 o'clock, and by 8 o'clock the last one was there. It was a cold journey for the denizens of the tropics yesterday, and for the first time in history the cars containing the animals were heated with electric stoves.

When the elephants and the tigers and the lions were escorted out from their warm, luxurious quarters into the cold of a Mott Haven night, they let their disapproval be known in no uncertain tones. For a time things looked dubious.

A rapid fire across the bridge and down First avenue, however, warmed their blood again, and they arrived at Madison Square Garden in the best of spirits. First the ring stock filed into the great amphitheatre, led by Patterson, head animal man, on a prancing, restive steed. Then followed camels, dromedaries, zebras, sacred Indian cattle, the led animals, in circus parlance.

And the caged animals brought up the rear, and also the furs.

A telegram from Mamaroneck, telling of the death of a man under one of the circus trains alarmed the company for a while, but the treasurer said no man of the name was on his roll, and it was surmised that the dead man was trying to steal a ride.

ATTACHMENT FOR \$207,654.
Deputy Sheriff Goss has received an attachment for \$207,654 against the Mexican Crude Rubber Company, of Detroit, in favor of Thomas S. Lindsey on an assigned claim of the Diamond Rubber Company, of Akron, Ohio, for alleged breach of contract for failure to deliver a quantity of rubber. It was stated that a contract was made between the company on March 7, 1908, for 750 tons of guayule rubber, at 32 cents a pound. Up to December 22, 1910, 469 tons were delivered, and there is a balance of 281 tons yet to be delivered. Since the contract was made the price of rubber has risen from 32 to 45 cents a pound, and the difference, 23 cents, on 625,250 pounds, makes \$207,654. The attachment was granted on the ground that it was a Michigan corporation, and the Sheriff served it on the New York Commercial Company.

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MINERS DEFY LEWIS

His Order "Not Sufficient Reason to Walk Out."

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Washington, Penn., March 18.—The men in the mines of the Young Men of Ohio and Ohio Coal Company will remain at work. At a meeting it was decided that the names of President Lewis and two executive board members signed to the strike order was not sufficient reason to walk out.

RUEF TRIES TO OBTAIN FREEDOM.
San Francisco, March 18.—An attempt to procure the release from San Quentin prison of Abraham Ruef was begun today when his attorneys applied to the State Supreme court for a rehearing and reversal of its order refusing a rehearing on the record of the Appellate Court.

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